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#### RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week. Every year the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association designate one week in October to put the spotlight on mental illness and the associated policy issues. This year we recognize this important time on October 7th through 13th.

Mental illness doesn't discriminate. One in five Americans bear mental illness, ranging from mild depression to severe disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. One in five children endures a diagnosable disorder and one in ten children suffers from a serious disorder which, if unaddressed, can lead to poor school performance, social anxiety and seclusion and even violence against themselves and other people. Unfortunately, less than one-third of adults and less than half of children receive treatment for diagnosed serious disorders, leading to an average lifespan 25 years less than the general population.

Organizations like the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association and their field partners work with municipal and state governments to make sure those who need care have access to it. In my district and around the country, local governments such as the Pima County Board of Supervisors are working diligently to ensure high-quality, cost-efficient community mental healthcare is available.

However, there is still much work to be done. When there is a lack of mental healthcare in a community, we see more lost jobs, more people out on the streets and more broken families. Often these communities see more emergency room visits, larger prison populations and higher social services costs all around. We must stay diligent in addressing mental illness and always stay focused on the individual.

Again, I want to recognize these organizations for their important work, and I urge those who need help to ask for it.

#### RECOGNIZING SISTERS FRANCIS GERARD KRESS, EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY AND ALICE FRANCIS YOUNG ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 80TH JUBILEE

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three remarkable nuns who have dedicated their lives to helping the poor and

sick, and educating the youth of Long Island. These nuns, and the organization they are part of, represent the absolute best of all of us.

Sister Francis Gerard Kress, Sister Edward Joseph Murphy and Sister Alice Francis Young, all nuns with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, have served the communities in my district for the past 80 years.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood's history in America began in Carondelet, Missouri in 1936, where the Bishop called on the Sisters to establish a school for the deaf. The Congregation soon spread from Missouri, and in 1856 the Sisters were called by the Bishop of Brooklyn to come tend to the needs of the city. Mother Austin Kean, along with Sister Baptista Hanson and Sister Theodosia Hegeman, came and established what is now the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, New York. Since the establishment of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood order, over 2,500 Sisters have served, with 588 of those Sisters currently serving or in retirement around the United States.

All three Sisters are 80th year Jubilarians this year, and in that time have done tremendous things for our communities. Sister Edward Joseph Murphy has devoted her life to educating children, instilling in them a lifelong love of learning, as well as community service. As a part of the Order's English as a Second Language program, Sister Murphy helped some of the newest arrivals to our nation.

Sister Francis Gerard Kress has been an active proponent of the environment and health care for her 80 years in the Order, even coming here to Washington D.C. to testify before the United States House of Representatives about the environmental dangers surrounding Newton Creek in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York. Her work to protect our world's natural resources has helped to shed light on the importance of the Clean Water Act and other environmental protection legislation to all Americans.

Sister Alice Francis Young has dedicated her life to early childhood education, something we know is so important to the development of our young children. She helped start the first Head Start program in New York, worked as a professor of Child Study at St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn for over 40 years, and a Master Teacher there for 20 years. Sister Alice's work has impacted and bettered, both directly and indirectly, the lives of thousands of students in New York and around the country.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on about the accomplishments of these three amazing nuns. They have worked to protect our environment both locally and nationally, provide key support to the newest members of our communities, and educate our children. Their work has been tireless, and I sincerely appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, these nuns have devoted their lives to bettering not just the communities in my district, but those around the nation. I would like the United States House of Representatives to recognize and honor Sisters Francis Gerard Kress, Edward Joseph Murphy and Alice Francis Young for their work, and to help me in congratulating them on their 80 year jubilees.

HONORING MS. NANCY HINDS, FOUNDER OF HINDS HOSPICE CARE

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hinds for her many years of service to our local community, our State and our Nation. As a young woman, Nancy resolved to become a nurse and spend her life caring for people. In 1981, Nancy brought her dream to fruition when she established Hinds Hospice, an organization often recognized as the premier provider of comprehensive end-of-life services in California's San Joaquin Valley. Her superior moral character and deep level of compassion truly make her a shining example of the best of what our Nation has to offer.

Nancy Hinds studied nursing at St. John's College in Cleveland, Ohio, where she developed an interest in missionary work. After working for a year in the intensive care unit at Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Nancy saved enough money to go on her first mission to the West Indies. Nancy's time as a missionary nurse in the West Indies solidified her desire to do missionary work in other parts of the world.

Following her year in West Indies, Nancy signed up with the Catholic Medical Mission Board. She was assigned to Nigeria, West Africa, providing aid to malnourished and neglected children. In 1969, Nancy met her future husband, Godfrey Hinds, a missionary doctor who had been in Africa for 20 years. They shared a deep love and affection for each other and held a high regard for a life of service. After Nancy finished her tour in Nigeria, she reunited with Godfrey in Ireland and the two were married. Nancy and Godfrey spent the following years of their lives doing missionary work while starting a family at the same time. They had three sons: Sean, Conor, and Patrick.

The strength and courage that Nancy possesses has helped her during the extremely difficult struggles in her life. Godfrey passed away from an untreatable cancer in March 1977, and months later her mother lost her battle with breast cancer. As a widow with three small children, Nancy pushed through and thrived without two of the most important people in her life.

After three years of living on her own in Ireland, she moved to Fresno, California near her father and brother. Nancy worked as an oncology nurse at St. Agnes Medical Center, and then decided it would be best to work from home so she could be with her boys. Nancy opened her first hospice home on Simpson Avenue in Fresno in 1981. The Simpson home provided care for over 72 patients and their families during the next four years. Unfortunately, in 1985 the home was forced to close by the Department of Health due to lack of a license to operate. No license of that kind was in existence in California.

For the next two years, Nancy fought for the right legislation to be created and finally obtained a license to provide quality, in-home, end-of-life hospice care. In 1987, she opened the second Hinds Hospice home. Clearly, Nancy's tenacity and perseverance made her